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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
MARTIN MOERTERS, ET AL. : EXAMINER: SMITH, J.
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RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 3, 2007, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I; Claims 1-5 drawn to a pyrogenically produced silica powder.

Applicants request that the Examiner expand the search to the non-elected claims of Group II-VIII, Claims 6-23, if the elected Group I claims are found allowable.